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1. On 1 June 1948 the Chinese Communist forces in North China were reorganized into the North China People's Liberation Army with NIEN Jung-chen as commanding officer. TUNG Pi-wu (董必武) is chairman of the Administrative Committee and LIU Shao-ch'i (劉少奇) is chief secretary of the North China bureau.

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2. The total strength of NIEH's forces, including the 6 Column, 6 Division and 14 Brigade, is 154,000 troops.
3. NIEH's 1 Column is stationed in the vicinity of Yingsien (113-39,45-30).
4. On 19 June the 2 Column captured Shihhsien (117-03,40-34). On 20 June the 3 Column attacked Kupeikou (117-10,40-41). The 4 Column is at Tsochiawu (118-10,39-58). A part of the 4 Column attacked Changli (119-08,39-43) on 24 June and was driven from the city on 28 June. The 6 Column is stationed at Tingsien (114-59,38-31). The main force of the 7 Column is stationed east of Kaoyang (115-47,38-42) and a part of the column is east of Chohsien (115-58,39-30). The Independent 6 Division is in the area between Pingchuan (118-35,41-01) and Hsiehanchien, north of Chengte (117-52,40-59).
5. Troops of the 19 Military Sub-district are stationed in the area northeast of Lunghua (117-37,41-16).
6. On 16 June approximately 1,000 cavalry troops of the Chapei Military Sub-district moved to a position southeast of Paoshang (115-26,41-58).

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